STATEMENT

(a) to (c). The dispute was not about the sharing of profits of the film 'Gandhi'. The profits from the film, which were due to National Film Development Corporation, are being paid regularly. The dispute was over 5% of the net profits which were payable to the Cine Artistes Welfare Fund in terms of the provisions of the Co-production and Finance Agreement executed for the film 'Gandhi'. This dispute has since been resolved by signing of an Agreement with Sir Richard Attenborough on 16.7.1991.

The terms and conditions of the settlement arrived at with Sir Richard Attenborough are as under:-

Principal:

(a) The entire principal amount of 5% available with the bankers of withholding account in London will be paid to the Cine Artistes Welfare Fund of India. This will also apply to future accruals as the profits are still coming in. The principal, as on 30th June, 1991, was stated to be Pound Sterling 6,91,938.59.

Interest:

(b) (i) The interest, as on 30th June, 1991, Pound Sterling 6,44,128.33, is expected to go up by Pound Sterling 2,00,000 by the time of repatriation. Of this amount, Pound Sterling 5,00,000 will be retained by Sir Richard Attenborough for the benefit of charities at his discretion promoting Gandhian ethics and ideals, including those listed in the Agreement. Three of the charities, namely, the Ranthambore Society, Mother Teresa's Home, Calcutta and UNICEF, India, are located in India. In respect of the charities outside India, the benefit will accrue primarily to Indian students wherever these relate to bursaries and scholarships. The taxation liability, if any, on this interest, will be borne entirely by Sir Richard Attenborough.

(ii) Of the balance, a sum not exceeding Pound Sterling 1,15,000 will be set apart for meeting the costs of the parties involved in the proceedings. Third party's cost will be met on priority and residual amount made available to IBFL and NFDC in the proportion of 5:7. Cost in excess of this will be borne by the two parties themselves.

(iii) The remaining balance of interest in the withholding account will be paid to the Cine Artistes Welfare Fund of India.

(iv) A compromise to this effect will be filed in the court with a view to obtaining speedy orders on the basis of the same.

T.V. Centre at Nowrangpur in Orissa

4903. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a television transmission centre at Nowrangpur;

(b) whether Orissa Government have sent a proposal in this regard:

(c) whether Government have any policy to provide relay stations in remote and tribal areas; and

(b) if not, the other means to cover these areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. There is no such approved scheme at present.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Within the constraints of financial resources, it has been the Government's constant endeavour to accord due priority to the expansion of Doordarshan facilities in tribal areas of the country.

Ceiling on Agricultural Holdings

4904. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether ceiling on agricultural holdings has been imposed in each State and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the quantum of maximum and minimum ceilings as imposed in States, Statewise;

(c) the quantum of surplus lands vested in the States and distributed among the landless poor in 1988, 1989 and 1990, Statewise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the measures leading to the vesting of surplus lands in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). Most of the States have imposed ceiling on agricultural holdings. Ceiling on agricultural holdings State-wise is given in the Statement-I.

(c) The State-wise information on extent of land declared surplus and distributed in 1988, 1989 and 1990 is given is Statement-II.

(d) Land is a State subject and it is the responsibility of States to take measures to implement ceiling laws. However, the State Governments have been advised at various fora to strengthen measures for acquisition and distribution of ceiling surplus land. The then Prime Ministers has also written to the Chief Ministers of the States to take steps to unearth benami transactions and set up Land Tribunals under Article 323-B so as to decide litigation cases involving land matters expeditiously and make available ceiling surplus land for distribution to rural poor.